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VIA EMAIL

Arturo Carrasco-Becerra
City of Sacramento Community Development Department
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RE: Sacramento Apartments (P21-020)

Dear Mr. Carrasco-Becerra:

Thank you for routing the Sacramento Apartments project to WALKSacramento. We are pleased to see the application to provide 68 residential bike parking spaces, and 6 commercial bike parking spaces, as these accommodations can help promote use of active transportation connecting people to important destinations such as nearby bus stops, schools, parks, and grocery stores. The following comments will be our recommendations to improve the health-supportive features of the project.

Although the two nearest grocery stores are 1 - 1.5 miles away, there are barriers to this commute such as crossing high traffic intersections and the lack of bike lanes on Marysville Blvd. There is potential to improve health with the space designated for retail by prioritizing commerce applicants who can provide local fresh food options. It is important to note the project site's zip code, 95815, is home to higher obesity and diabetes prevalence when compared to the Sacramento County average. Providing accessible fresh food, such as produce, and healthy staples can help reduce these risks for chronic disease and contribute to positive nutrition related health impacts in the Old North Sacramento Area. Not only will the residents of the apartment benefit, but the community members within that area will gain another healthy retail option drawing more customers to the store while also helping combat nutrition related disease in the neighborhood.

As we promote walking and use of active transportation, we also want to ensure it is being done with safety as the top priority. Lack of lighting along the sidewalks and walkways to the building on both Marysville Blvd. and Ermina Dr. are of concern. We recommend providing sufficient lighting from the exterior of the project buildings and any outdoor walkways on the site. Lighting will help with visibility which can improve personal awareness, increase visibility to help deter crime, as well as increase visibility between pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists on bordering streets.

Lastly, we see that the path from the garage to the back door to the bike room is currently planned at a 4 feet width. The back door's current location could cause challenges for bicyclists to maneuver their bikes at an angle to enter, which can also pose the risk of damages to the building wall, as well as to cars that will be parked in the ADA spaces. We recommend

relocating the back door opposite to the stairs or across from the front door to the bike room- whichever does not compromise the use of space for bike parking.

WALKSacramento is working to support increased physical activity such as walking and bicycling in local neighborhoods as well as helping to create community environments that support walking and bicycling. The benefits include improved public health and physical fitness, better air quality, a stronger sense of cohesion and safety in neighborhoods, and more sustainable communities and local economies.

Please notify WALKSacramento of future routings or notices for this project.

Sincerely,

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